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EXDIS (HANDLE AS NODIS)

GENEVA FOR SAUNDERS

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: EIND, EG

SUBJECT: MOBIL'S PARTICIPATION IN RETURN OF SINAI OIL FIELDS

TO EGYPT

REF: CAIRO 9123; CAIRO 8777

1. EMBOFF AGAIN DISCUSSED MOBIL PARTICIPATION IN RAS AL-SIDR AREA OIL FIELD CEKEOVER SEPTEMBER 21 WITH SPIELMAN, WHO HAS JUST RETURNED FROM MOBIL INTERNATIONAL BOARD MEETING IN MADRID. ACCORDING TO SPIELMAN, MOBIL EXPECTS EGYPTIANS TO PARTICIPATE IN FINANCING OF TEAM ALONG LINES MENTIONED STATE 223795. HE DID NOT INDICATE, HOWEVER, THAT FULL AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED. SPIELMAN STILL CONTENDS THAT INFORMATION WHICH MOBIL HAS OBTAINED FROM ISRAEL SOURCES IS THAT THESE FIELDS ARE NO RPT NO LONGER PRODUCING. IT IS MOBIL'S INTENTION, THEREFORE, INITIALLY TO SEND TEAM WHICH WILL ONLY BE ABLE TO VERIFY PRODUCTION AND DETERMINE WHAT OTHER RESOURCES ARE NEEDED, IF ANY.

2. FURTHER TO MAKING ADVANCE ARRANGEMENTS, SPIELMAN TOLD US THAT EGYPTIANS HAVE TOLD MOBIL THEY WILL USE PIER WHICH EXISTED IN 1967 TO EXPORT OIL. ACCORDING TO MOBIL INFORMATION, AGAIN FROM THE ISRAELIS, PIER WAS NOT USED DURING OCCUPATION. INSTEAD, OIL FROM RAS AL-SIDR, ASL AND MATARMA WAS TRUCKED BY ISRAELIS TO SOME OTHER DISTRIBUTION POINT. MOBIL, THEREFORE, IS CONFIDENTIAL

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ALSO UNABLE TO CONFIRM POSSIBILITY OF OPERATING LOADING FACILITIES

UNTIL IT IS ACTUALLY ON THE GROUND AT THE FIELDS.

3. MOBIL CLEARLY PLACES GREAT WEIGHT ON ITS INFORMATION THAT WELLS  
ARE NOT RPT NOT NOW PRODUCING. THIS IS NOT RPT NOT IN ACCORD WITH  
WHAT ISRAELIS HAVE TOLD US AND HAVE INDICATED AT GENEVA TALKS.  
IT SEEMS DESIRABLE URGENTLY TRY TO VERIFY FACTS SINCE, IF RAS AL-SIDR  
FIELDS ARE IN FACT NOT PRODUCING. EGYPTIANS WILL CHARGE NEW ISRAELI  
DECEPTION AND ALSO BLAME US ON GROUNDS WE, TOO, TOLD EGYPTIANS  
THESE FIELDS ARE OPERATING.

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